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Associated Press  
Washington, D.C.  
833-5353  
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Mr. Stansfield Turner, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Turner:

This is an appeal pursuant to subsection (a) (6) of the  
Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

By letter in August, 1977, I requested access to all documents  
pertaining to the assassinations probe by the House Select Committee  
on Assassinations, including all CIA and House Select Committee  
on Assassinations documents and including all correspondence be-  
tween the CIA and the Committee, thus including all documents and  
correspondence concerning or pertaining to the committee. I there-  
fore requested that, if you determine that some portions of the  
requested information are exempt, you provide me immediately with  
a copy of the remainder of the file.

By letter in September, 1977, Mr. Gene F. Wilson, Information  
and Privacy Coordinator of the CIA replied;

"I am advised that no substantive material whatsoever has  
yet been provided to the House Select Committee and I cannot say  
when the actual transfer of material will begin."

Mr. Wilson has misconstrued my request. Let me clarify myself,  
I did ~~not~~ limit my request to "substantive material...provided  
to the House Select Committee", I requested all documents and corres-  
pondence concerning or pertaining to the House Select Committee  
on Assassinations, not merely "substantive material", "to the House  
Select Committee".

I do not withhold my request. Furthermore, I find it hard

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to believe the CIA has no documents or correspondence pertaining to or concerning the House Select Committee "whatsoever".

I therefore reaffirm my request for all and any documents and correspondence concerning or pertaining to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. This constitutes my appeal.

If you do not act upon my appeal within 20 working days I will deem my request denied.

I trust that upon examination of my request you will conclude that the information I have requested is not properly covered by exemption (b) (1) of the amended Act and will make the information promptly available.

If you are unable to order release of the requested information, I intend to initiate a lawsuit to compel its disclosure.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Berg  
Associated Press  
2021 K St. NW  
Washington, D.C.

P.S.- Enclosed is a copy of the letter from your agency in response to my request.

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

2 SEP 1977

Mr. John Berg  
The Associated Press  
2021 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Berg:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter requesting copies of all documents pertaining to the assassinations probe by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, including all CIA and House Select Committee on Assassination's documents and including all correspondence between the CIA and the Committee.

I am advised that no substantive material whatsoever has yet been provided to the House Select Committee and I cannot say when the actual transfer of material will begin.

May I suggest that you withhold your request until such time as the Committee has completed its proceedings? We would not be able to provide documents until they had been reviewed for release following the Committee's complete investigation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Gene F. Wilson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Mr. Robert S. Young  
Freedom of Information Center  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

IPS REGISTRY

F-77-603  
EK/CT (and)

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the Freedom Of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

I request a copy of all documents indexed or maintained in the Central Intelligence Agency pertaining to the assassination probe by the House Select Committee on Assassinations including all CIA and House Select Committee's documents and including all correspondence between the CIA and the committee.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. I therefore request that, if you determine that some portions of the requested information are exempt, you provide me immediately with a copy of the remainder of the file. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal any such decisions.

If you determine that some or all of the requested information is exempt from release, I would appreciate your advising me as to which exemption(s) you believe covers the information which you are not releasing.

I am prepared to pay costs specified in your regulations for locating the requested files and reproducing them.

As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and ask you to waive any fees.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number..

As provided for in the amended Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 12, 1977.

Sincerely yours

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Notary Public

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